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OF DIETARY PHOSPHATE OR OXALATE ABSORPTION**
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the specification and claims as detailed hereinafter prior to examination of the present claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.